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TO: District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: USDE's Investing in America's Future (Blueprint)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION & DISSEMINATION

Public Law 109-270, The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, and often referred to as the **Perkins Act**, will sunset on June 30, 2013.

The United States Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education has laid out a blueprint that set new goals for the country and career technical education. To achieve those goals the Administration proposes a transformation of career and technical education.

The ***Blueprint for Transforming Career and Technical Education*** outlines opportunities for career awareness and career preparedness by providing academic and technical knowledge and work-related skills. Four core principles: alignment of CTE programs to the labor market, collaboration among secondary and post-secondary institutions through consortia, accountability for outcomes and innovations are the cornerstones of the blueprint.

Significant alterations from current law include:

- Competitive grants replacing allocation formulas aimed at high growth industries
- Funds distributed to consortia of local education agencies and post secondary institutions and their partners
- Private-sector matching funds
- More autonomy of states to select high quality programs for funding ,

- Accelerated completions via college credits while in high school
- Required secondary to postsecondary articulations
- Common definitions for participation and performance among the Higher Education Act, the workforce Investment Act and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
- Increased support for local program implementation and innovation
- Improved access to high-quality CTE programs for rural students through consortia.

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